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In re application of

Tilo CHRIST et al.

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METHOD AND MEDICAL SYSTEM  
FOR POSTDISCHARGE SURVEIL-  
LANCE OF A PATIENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (amended) The method for the postdischarge  
surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the  
relevant data are recorded by means of a questionnaire (6).

Amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (amended) The method for the postdischarge  
surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the  
relevant data comprise a description of the general condition  
of the patient (1).

Amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the relevant data are transmitted at least indirectly to the data bank (13) by a telephone (20), a computer (19) which can be connected to the Internet or a fax machine (7).

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the data bank (13) can be interrogated via the Internet.

Amend claim 8 as follows:

--8. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the data bank (13) automatically informs the patient (1) and/or at least one other person (4) if the relevant data are not received.

Amend claim 9 as follows:

--9. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the relevant data are evaluated, in particular automatically, by an evaluation device (14) assigned to the data bank (13).

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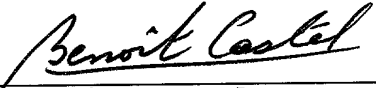
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The

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4. The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, in which the relevant data are recorded by means of a questionnaire (6).

5. The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, in which the relevant data comprise a description of the general condition of the patient (1).

6. The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, in which the relevant data are transmitted at least indirectly to the data bank (13) by a telephone (20), a computer (19) which can be connected to the Internet or a fax machine (7).

7. The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, in which the data bank (13) can be interrogated via the Internet.

8. The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, in which the data bank (13) automatically informs the patient (1) and/or at least one other person (4) if the relevant data are not received.

9. The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, in which the relevant data are evaluated, in particular automatically, by an evaluation device (14) assigned to the data bank (13).